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Officer Involved Shooting

P15-028755

Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 9:28 p.m.

Location: 2865 Prospect Ave.



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Suspect



Steven Robert Lewis
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Suspect

Steven Lewis has a criminal history dating back to the 1980's. He was a registered drug offender in 1984 and was arrested for carrying a concealed firearm in 1996. He was convicted and sentenced to three years probation. In 2004, he was remanded to Patton State Hospital for six months. Over the last ten years his only contact with law enforcement has been minor traffic and disturbance violations.



Involved Officers

Officer Macias (fired three rounds)

Officer Weddle (fired one round)

Officer Romero (did not shoot)



Overview

- February 22, 1805 hours, Officers Macias and Weddle were dispatched to 2865 Prospect Ave. for a loud music call. Suspect Lewis and his wife were contacted and the call was resolved. The couple was very cooperative.
- February 23, 2128 hours, Officers Macias and Weddle were dispatched to 2865 Prospect Ave. for an argument between two males and a female. The call indicated that one of the persons had a shotgun.
- Officer Romero also indicated he was going to the call.
- After arriving, Officers Macias and Weddle went to the front of the residence and heard Suspect Lewis yelling at someone inside of the residence.



Overview

- The officers saw Suspect Lewis walk toward the rear of the home and heard him exit the back door.
- Officer Macias walked to the side of the home and saw Suspect Lewis enter a shed that was in the backyard. Suspect Lewis came out of the shed, and began walking toward the house. Officer Macias yelled out to Suspect Lewis and he (the suspect) reentered the shed.
- Suspect Lewis came out of the shed with a shotgun and fired at Officer Macias.
- Officer Macias immediately shot back at the suspect and the suspect reentered the shed.
- Suspect Lewis exited the shed again and fired the shotgun at Macias. Macias returned fire.



Overview

- Officer Weddle came to assist and heard a shotgun being “racked” and saw the barrel of a shotgun appear from the shed. Officer Weddle fired one shot at the suspect.
- The officers heard a chain link fence “rattle” and they advanced toward the backyard fence, pursuing the suspect.
- The officers heard the shotgun being fired again.
- At the same time, Officer Romero arrived in the alley to the rear of the location and saw suspect Lewis with a shotgun walking toward him. Suspect Lewis fired one round at Officer Romero.
- Officer Romero ducked down in his patrol car to avoid being shot by the suspect.



Overview

- When Officer Romero exited his patrol car, he saw the suspect running north into the yard at 2878 Pleasant St.
- Officer Romero armed himself with his patrol rifle and pursued the suspect.
- Officer Romero saw the suspect enter the residence at 2786 Pleasant St.
- The residents at 2786 Pleasant St. notified officers that Suspect Lewis had shot himself.
- Suspect Lewis died at the scene.



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Officer Romero's Police Car



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Recovered Shotgun

Maverick Arms 12GA, Model 88- No Record.



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Recovered Shotgun

Damaged Barrel



Questions



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